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## Identical letters dated 25 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that Israel persists in violating Lebanese sovereignty and has failed to comply with all relevant international resolutions, particularly Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). We periodically inform you of such violations, most recently in the list of Israeli air, sea and land violations of Lebanese sovereignty that was issued as a document of the Security Council (A/71/700-S/2016/1084). In addition, the Permanent Mission of Israel continues to send you letters that contain rumours, in an attempt to spread misinformation and obscure its repeated violation of its international obligations. The letter of the Permanent Representative of Israel dated 23 November 2016, for example, contains fabrications and false claims. We should therefore like to convey to you the following response from the Ministry of National Defence:

> The Ministry of National Defence is fully committed to implementing Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), especially with respect to the prohibition on the entry or smuggling of weapons to any party whatsoever through Lebanese State facilities. The claims made in this regard by the Israeli enemy, unsupported by any tangible evidence, are an utter fabrication involving imaginary facts. They constitute a standing pretext for any attacks by the Israeli enemy.

I reiterate that my Government respects its obligations pursuant to international resolutions. On behalf of my country I call on the Security Council to condemn those attacks in the strongest possible terms, and I call on Israel to cease its violations of Lebanese sovereignty and implement all of its duties under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). The most recent such violation occurred on 24 January 2017, when Israel conducted military exercises in the area of the occupied Shab'a Farms, during which heavy weapons and live ammunition were used. Israeli warplanes also violated Lebanese airspace during those exercises. We have continually warned of the consequences of Israel's provocative and unilateral

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actions, as they undermine the joint efforts of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the Lebanese Army to preserve stability in southern Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative